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Title of Invention SHAFT COUPLING

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Applicant berewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- 1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
- 2. [] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
- 3. [X] This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. §371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
- 4. [] A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- 5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2))
  - a. [] is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. [X] has been transmitted by the International Bureau. ATTACHMENT A
  - c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
- 6. [X] A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)). ATTACHMENT B
- 7. [] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)).
  - a. [] are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. [] have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. [] have not been made and will not be made.
- 8. [] A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19.
- 9. [] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)).
- 10. [] A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)).

## Items 11. to 14. below concern other document(s) or information included:

- 11. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. ATTACHMENT C
- 12. [] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13. [X] A FIRST preliminary amendment. ATTACHMENT D
  - [] A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- 14. [X] Other items or information:
  - Form PCT/IB/304 ATTACHMENT E
  - front page of PCT international publication ATTACHMENT F
  - PCT Request ATTACHMENT G
  - Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority (in Japanese) ATTACHMENT H
  - Notification of the Recording of a Change ATTACHMENT I
  - unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney with Cover Letter ATTACHMENT J

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15. [X] The following fees are submitted					CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
Basic National Stage Fee \$\\ 300.00\$  National Stage Search Fee (International Search Report provided - 37 CFR 1.492(b)(2)). \$\\\ 5400.00\$  National Stage Examination Fee \$\\\ 200.00\$  Specification/drawings in excess of 100 pages (units of 50 x \$250.00) = \$\\\\\$						
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =					\$ 900.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [] 20 [] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).					\$	
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Total Claims	25 - 20 =	5		X \$50.00	\$ 250.00	
Independent Claims	1 -3=	0		X \$200.00	\$	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable) + \$360.00					\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =					\$1,150.00	
[] Small Entity Status is hereby asserted. Above fees are reduced by 1/2.					\$	
SUBTOTAL =					\$1,150.00	
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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =					\$1,150.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property +					\$	
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## COVER LETTER FOR APPLICATION FILED WITHOUT EXECUTED DECLARATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The above-identified application has been submitted <u>without</u> an executed oath or declaration.

It is respectfully requested that this application be assigned a serial number and awarded a filing date.

A duly executed oath or declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63 will be submitted after notification by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

A non-executed copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, containing the inventorship information, is attached. It is respectfully requested that all communications be directed to the firm indicated on the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney, namely:

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The required U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Filing Fee is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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